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TO: RDC Members & Alternates
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FROM: Maryanne Guichard

SUBJECT: Onsite Rule Development Committee Report to the State Board of Health

On March 10, 2004, I will present the RDC Report to the State Board of Health (SBOH) at their regular meeting in Tacoma (the location and agenda may be obtained from their Website: www.doh.wa.gov/SBOH)

This meeting of the SBOH is not a public hearing on the DRAFT rule document, but rather a presentation to the board regarding the outcome of the committee activity portion of the rule development process. Following this meeting the department will seek public comment on the DRAFT document. By considering and incorporating the comments received, a second DRAFT document will be developed. By the current schedule (July 2004), the second DRAFT will become the document subject to further public review and hearing before the SBOH, tentatively scheduled for November 2004. A copy of the rule development timeline is enclosed.

Members of the RDC and the public are invited to attend the March 10 presentation. There will be an opportunity for public comment about the DRAFT rule and the RDC activity during the meeting.

On behalf of the department I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication to the rule development activity. The tasks before the committee were often difficult and the issues frequently complex and challenging. The outcome provides for many improvements in the rules that govern the application of onsite sewage treatment and dispersal technology.

Please find enclosed a copy of the report. We received good suggestions from members of the RDC for improving the DRAFT document that was distributed several weeks ago. We have strived to incorporate these ideas in the final report.

I look forward to further work with you throughout the remaining rule development process. Your individual participation through the review and comment periods will help shape the final document submitted to the SBOH for adoption. If you have any questions throughout the remaining process, please contact me at (360) 236-3040 or by Email at: Maryanne.Guichard@doh.wa.gov